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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 1-4, 6-16, and 25-28, drawn to a sensor classified in class 250, subclass 580, comprising of a radiation sensitive composition which is not distinct but classified in class 252, subclass 600.
  - II. Claim 5, drawn to manufacture of an X-ray coating, classified in class 427, subclass 160.
  - III. Claims 22-24, drawn to heat treatment of a coating, classified in class 427, subclass 543.
  - IV. Claims 17-21, drawn to pressure treatment of a coating, classified in class 427, subclass 369.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions (II, III, & IV) and I are related as process of making and product made.

The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product made (invention I) can be made by

either liquid deposition (invention II), heat treatment (invention III), or pressure treatment (invention IV).

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II (or Groups III & IV) is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention I: inorganic material is in the form of fine particles (*i.e.*, see nano-composite on pg. 5, lines 7-10; claims 4 and 8) and inorganic material is alcohol-soluble (claim 11).

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-16, and 25-28 of the claimed invention I are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims

are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

5. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shun Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-4860. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday.

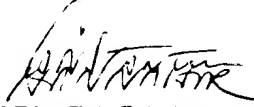
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seungsook Ham can be reached on (703) 308-4090. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

  
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